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SOME DESCENDANTS OF DIGORY SARGENT OF BOSTON AND WORCESTER, MASS.*

1. DIGORY[1] SARGENT—the surname being variously spelled in the family, but for uniformity in this article the present form will be used—was the ancestor of many of the name in south-eastern Vermont, and first appears on records as a soldier in King Philip's war, in the rolls of Boston men under Capt. Daniel Henchman at Mendon, in Nov., 1675, under Capt. William Turner at the same place, in Mar., 1675–6, and under Lieut. Nathaniel Reynolds at Chelmsford, in June, 1676 (Bodge's King Philip's War, pp. 55, 240, 279). His ancestry is unknown.

On 11 Nov., 1678, he took the oath of allegiance in Boston (Boston Rec. Com. Rept., xxix., 168), where he seems to have been a householder in 1680, when, 27 Apr. of that year, "Sam[ll]. Hobbs Brick layer at Dickery Serg[t]." appears among the "Seuerall psons * * * not admitted nor aproued of by y[e] select men of Boston to be Inhabitants of ye Towne" (Rec. Com. Rept., x., 58, in which his name is misprinted *Vickery*, see the original record). His name appears in "A list of Persons belonging to the South Company of Boston liable to Watch themselves, or by their money to procure Watchmen; as they were marshalled * * Oct[r] 13. 1679" (5 Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll., vol. v., p. 53). In 1685, or soon after, he removed to Worcester, in the second attempt at settling that place; but whether or not he had a wife at that time does not appear.

On 13 Oct., 1693, Digory Sargent of Worcester, and Constance James of Boston, were married in Boston by Rev. Cotton Mather; but when he made his will (Middlesex Co. Probate, vol. 12, pp. 243–4, printed in Lincoln's History of Worcester, Mass., p. 38), dated 17 Mar., 1696, it would seem that she was dead, for in it he only made provision for his daughter Martha, and in the event of her death the estate was to go to George Parmenter of Sudbury, and no wife was mentioned. That he married again, in 1696, Mary ———, is shown by subsequent events. She is said to have been a sister of George Parmenter, but the statement cannot be proved.

He seems to have persisted in living upon his farm in Worcester when all others had abandoned the settlement on account of Indian hostilities, and there he was killed in an Indian attack, in the winter of 1703–4, and his wife and five children taken captive, before a party of soldiers, sent to remove him and his family to a place of safety, could reach them. In a Roll of English prisoners in the hands of the French and Indians at Canada in 1710, the names of the mother, Mary, and five children [for *James* read Daniel] appear (Mass. Archives, lxxi., 765); but the petition of the son John for a grant of land, dated 29 Nov., 1738 (Mass. Archives, lxxii., 470), states that the mother and a son were killed at the same time with the father, in 1704.

Administration of the estate of Digory Sargent was granted 25 Sept., 1707, to George Parmenter of Sudbury (Middlesex Co. Probate, vol. 12,

* These notes are published in the hope that they may lead to the compiling of a more complete genealogy of this interesting family.

pp. 242–3); and 6 Mar., 1720–1, in a letter appointing George Parmenter of Sudbury, Jonas Rice of Worcester, and James Taylor of Worcester, a committee to divide the estate into six equal parts, it relates that "Digery Sergeant * * * dyed intestate * * his lands a sixty acre lot in sd town of Woofter, & since then has two dividends, one of 150 acres has been laid out in right of sd decd, & yet there are considerable undivided * * lands in sd township * * * the sd decd left five children now surviving, viz John (oldest son) David Thomas Martha & Mary and that the sd Daniel and Mary are still at Canada * * whither they were carryed captive by the Indians & now are living among the ffrench. & * * the sd John Thomas and Martha (now the wife of Daniel Shattuck) have prayed that the sd lands may be settled among them * * * allowing John double the choise, and after him Thomas & then the sd daughter Martha, & so let the other two lots ligh for Daniel & Mary." Under the same date, 6 Mar., 1720–1, "Jonas Rice that day took upon himself the Guardianship of Thomas a minor in his twentieth year of age a son of the late Diggery Serjeant late of Worcester * * dec'd (killed by the Indians)." In an account of George Parmenter, administrator, dated 11 Apr., 1715, appears the statement: "Children Martha & Thomas at Boston — at Canada Jn°. Daniel & Mary."

As the will of Digory Sargent mentions "a sermon book that is at Mrs. Mary Mason's,* widow, at Boston," and as the inventory of the estate included "books," he was evidently a man of education.

Child by wife Constance:

2. i. MARTHA,[2] b. about 1694; m. 6 Apr., 1719, Capt. Daniel Shattuck; d. in 1722.

Children by wife Mary:

3. ii. LIEUT. JOHN, b. about 1696–7; m. 4 July, 1727, Abigail Jones; d. 29 Mar., 1748.
   iii. DANIEL, b. about 1698; d. unmarried, in Canada, before Aug., 1728 (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. 9, p. 354; see account under Thomas, 4).
   iv. MARY, b. about 1700; living in Canada, in Aug., 1728 (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. 9, p. 354; see account under Thomas, 4); no further record found of her.
4. v. THOMAS, b. about 1701–2; no record found of him after Aug., 1728.
   vi. A SON, b. about 1703; killed by the Indians in 1704.

2. MARTHA[2] SARGENT (*Digory*[1]), born about 1694, was taken captive by the Indians at Worcester in 1704, and carried to Canada. She was released after seven years, when aged about sixteen, and married in Marlborough, 6 Apr., 1719, as his first wife, Capt. Daniel[5] Shattuck (William,[4] John,[3] William,[2] William[1]), born in 1692, died 17 Mar., 1760 (Shattuck Memorials, pp. 96–98). She died in Worcester, in 1722; and he married second, 7 May, 1724, Rebecca, born 1 Aug., 1691, died 16 Mar., 1757, daughter of Sergt. Samuel and Sarah (Lewis) Boltwood of Hadley, by whom he had four children, born in Northfield, where he died.

Child:

i. SARAH SHATTUCK, b. about 1720; d. Nov., 1761, in Upton; m. 24 May, 1744, in Westborough, as his first wife, Elijah[5] Rice (Charles,[4] Thomas,[3] Thomas,[2] Edmund[1]) of Westborough, b. 26 June, 1719,

* Samuel Mason and Mary Holeman, "daughter of the late John Holeman of Dorchester, deceased," were married in Boston, 29 May, 1662, by John Endecott, Governor (Boston Rec. Com. Rept., No. 9, p. 86). In 1679, Samuel Mason was in the same division with Digory Sargent in the "South Company of Boston liable to watch" (5 Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll., vol. v., p. 53). He died 20 Sept., 1691.

who removed to Upton, and later to Henniker, N. H., where he d. 19 Apr., 1785. They had five children (Rice Family, pp. 109–10; and Shattuck Memorials, p. 386).

3. Lieut. John[2] Sargent (*Digory*[1]), born about 1696–7, was taken captive by the Indians at Worcester in 1704, carried to Canada, and released about 1716. He became a scout and interpreter in the service of the Province of Massachusetts; was in garrison, under Lieut. Joseph Kellogg, at Northfield, Mass., in 1721, and there as centinel under Capt. Samuel Bernard in 1722; a corporal under Capt. Joseph Kellogg, 1723–4, and sergeant, 1730; Lieutenant under Capt. Kellogg, 1738–45, and at Fort Dummer, under Capt. Josiah Willard, 1747–8 (Mass. Archives; and History of Northfield, pp. 157, 192, 197, 208, 217, 256, 532).

On 29 Nov., 1738, he petitioned the General Court (Mass. Archives, lxxii., 470; and History of Northfield, p. 257) for a grant of land on account of services, setting forth therein the killing of his father, mother and brother by the Indians at Worcester in 1704, and the captivity of the five brothers and sisters. Two hundred acres above Northfield, in the vicinity of Fort Dummer (now Brattleboro', Vt.), were granted him; in addition to which he had previously acquired by purchase, 7 May, 1733, from Josiah Willard and Edward Hartwell, both of Lunenburg, for £100, a "½ tract of land being on the westerly side of Connecticut River below Fort Dummer, containing by estimation 161 acres," and by further purchase, 1 Oct., 1733, from Josiah Willard, of Lunenburg, the remaining "½ a tract of land," in the same locality and "containing in the whole 161 acres, being a part of a Grant made to the proprietors of Lunenburg Oct. 1 1731 by the General Court" (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. G, pp. 258, 261), besides a purchase, 19 Sept., 1734, from Stephen Belding of Northfield, for £40, three tracts of land in the township of Northfield (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. H, p. 100).

He married, 4 July, 1727, Abigail, born 4 Dec., 1702, daughter of Ebenezer[2] (Griffith[1]) and Mercy (Bagg) Jones of Springfield, Mass.

According to the account published in various histories, he was in command of a scouting party out from Fort Dummer on 29 Mar., 1748, when they were ambushed by a band of Indians, and he and two others killed and scalped, and his son Daniel taken captive; but the following from an article communicated to the Vermont Phœnix, 26 June, 1885, by David Lufkin Mansfield, Esq., the historian, of Dummerston, Vt., to whom the writer is indebted for much material concerning the descendants of Lieut. John Sargent, gives a somewhat different account:

"The scalp of Lieutenant Sargent, taken off by the Indian who killed him, was in the possession of the family and descendants for nearly 80 years. Rufus, his son, who died in 1826, kept it during his life. Ophelia and Filura, daughters of Justin Sargent and granddaughters of Rufus, now [1885] living, who have seen the scalp, describe it as having light brown hair, and in size as large as a silver dollar. The particulars of Lieutenant Sargent's death, as related by his descendants, are different from those given in history. * * * The other version, as related to the writer by the granddaughters of Rufus Sargent, is that Lieutenant Sargent was out hunting and the Indian who shot him had mistaken him for some wild animal, as he wore fur clothing and had hidden in the bushes on seeing the Indians approach the fort. As the Indian was watching

to do mischief, he scalped his man, but at the same instant recognized in him a person whom he had seen before and who promised him that he should always be friendly to the Indians. He expressed much sorrow for the deed he had done, and returned Lieutenant Sargent's scalp to his friends. Horatio Sargent, a resident in Massachusetts, borrowed, many years ago, several valuable papers and keepsakes that belonged to Rufus Sargent, with the intention of writing a history of the Sargent family. He died very suddenly before commencing the work, and the papers and valuables, including the scalp, have never been returned."

In the petition of the son Daniel for pay during his captivity, he states that his father was "slain in fight." (Mass. Archives, lxxiii., 583–4.)

The date of death of the widow Abigail has not been found. She was living in 1763, when she deeded land (History of Northfield, p. 257).

Children:

5. i. DANIEL,[5] b. 25 May, 1728, at Northfield; taken captive by Indians, 29 Mar., 1748, and carried to Canada; m. 20 July, 1751, Dinah Jones; d. after 1784.
   ii. ABIGAIL, b. 26 Jan., 1729–30, at Northfield; d. in 1736.
6. iii. COL. JOHN, b. 4 Dec., 1732, at Fort Dummer; m. 16 Dec., 1760, Mary Kathan; d. 30 July, 1798.
7. iv. LIEUT. THOMAS, b. 23 Feb., 1734–5, at Fort Dummer; m. 17 May, 1757, Anna Stebbins; d. 19 Apr., 1783.
8. v. ABIGAIL, b. 10 Sept., 1737, at Fort Dummer; m. 12 Oct., 1758, Levi Ely; d. 3 Oct., 1812.
9. vi. RUFUS, b. 15 June, 1750, at Fort Dummer; m. in 1775, Susannah Houghton; d. 23 Nov., 1826.
   vii. MARY, b. 25 Oct., 1742, at Fort Dummer; m. ——— Robinson, of Bennington, Vt.

4. THOMAS[2] SARGENT (*Digory*[1]), born about 1701–2, was taken captive by the Indians at Worcester in 1704, and carried to Canada, but was released, and in Boston in Apr., 1715. On 6 Mar., 1720–1, Jonas Rice, of Worcester, was appointed his guardian, he being "a minor in his twentieth year of age" (Middlesex Co. Probate, No. 14158). In 1722 he was centinel in the command of Capt. Samuel Bernard; was centinel in 1723–4, in garrison at Northfield, Mass., with his brother John, in Capt. Joseph Kellogg's company, he then called "of Northampton"; and in the autumn of that year was in scouting parties out from Northfield (Mass. Archives; and History of Northfield, pp. 197, 208). He is recorded in service until 1726.

On 3 Aug., 1728, Thomas Sargent of Northfield, husbandman, deeded to William Williams of Weston, clerk, "all right, title or interest in lands belonging to my brother Daniel Sargent late deceased in Canada, which estate descended to him as his part of inheritance of our late father Dickery Sargent of Worcester," being part of a lot in the south part of Worcester, containing one hundred and fifty acres, and "one-half of a thirty-four acre right (so called)" in the north part of the said town [now Holden], "which lands or estate is one fourth or quarter part thereof * * (the other parts my surviving brother and sister)" (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. 9, p. 354). The surviving brother and sister were John and Mary; and the remaining quarter part was deeded 28 Mar., 1744, to Benjamin Flagg of Worcester, by Sarah Shattuck of Westborough, singlewoman, as the only child of the sister Martha, from whom she inherited it (Worcester Co. Deeds, vol. 18, p. 230).

Nothing has been found of Thomas in Worcester Co., Hampshire Co., or Northfield, Mass., records after the deed of 1728, but it is hoped that further trace of him may yet be discovered.

5. Daniel[3] Sargent (*Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]) was born 25 May, 1728, at Northfield, Mass. He was taken captive by the Indians, 29 Mar., 1748, at the time history states that his father was killed on a scouting party, of which he was one, out from Fort Dummer. The Journal of Sergt. John Hawks of Deerfield relates, under date of "Apr. 25 [1748], traveled about 2 m. S-east & then So. till we come to the crotch of the river where is their common road from C. Point to No. 4 and other places. They had informed us that there were but 12 Inds out on our frontier, & when we were come to this path they found the signs of them returning with one captive. [Doubtless Sieur Bonut with 3 French and 13 Indians, who reached Montreal April 17 with Daniel Sargent, taken near Fort Dummer, March 29. Other parties were out in other directions, but the scene of operations for every party was fixed at Montreal. Bount was sent out Feb. 24.]" (History of Deerfield, vol. 2, p. 558.)

Daniel was not long in captivity, as shown by his services from June, 1749, to 1752, as centinel under Capt. Josiah Willard at Fort Dummer (Mass. Archives), and his petition to the General Court, dated 23 Nov., 1749, for pay while in Canada, and the loss of his gun (Mass. Archives, lxxiii., 583–4).

He married, 20 July, 1751, Dinah, born 21 Feb., 1729–30, daughter of Benjamin[3] (Ebenezer,[2] Griffith[1]) and Mary (Soley) Jones* of Springfield, Mass.

In 1755 he was centinel in Capt. Elijah Williams's company of Deerfield, Mass., in the Crown Point Expedition (Mass. Archives; and History of Northfield, p. 292); and in 1756 was centinel in the command of Capt. Nathan Willard at Fort Dummer (Mass. Archives). He died between 1784 and 1793, the exact time is not recorded.

Children:

i. Lucinda,[4] m. Benjamin Pierce.
ii. Martha, or Patty, m. in Dummerston, Vt., Dec., 1772, Daniel Lester, alias David Bond, an Englishman who deserted the British, changed his name to Bond, and joined the American army, in the Revolution.
iii. Daniel, b. 31 Mar., 1757.
iv. Caleb, in 1782, in Capt. Jason Duncan's co., of Dummerston, Vt. (Kathan History, p. 143).
v. Justin, in 1782, in Capt. Jason Duncan's co., of Dummerston, Vt. (Kathan History, p. 143); removed to Boston, Mass. A Justin Sergeant m. in Boston, 15 Jan., 1792, Sally Hall.

6. Col. John[3] Sargent (*Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]) was born 4 Dec., 1732, at Fort Dummer, now Brattleboro', Vt., and married, 16 Dec., 1760, Mary, born 18 Oct., 1734, died 10 June, 1822, daughter of Capt. John and Martha (Moore) Kathan of Dummerston, Vt., and niece of Capt. Fairbank Moore (History of Dummerston, Vt., p. 21; Kathan History, p. 13; Register, *ante*, vol. 57, p. 303; and Bellows Genealogy, p. 13).

* The compiler is indebted to Thomas Barnes Warren, Esq., of Springfield, Mass., for Jones data.

Col. Sargeant has long had the reputation of having been the first Anglo-Saxon child born in Vermont.*
The following is the inscription upon his gravestone in the so-called "Sargent Burying-ground" at West River, Brattleboro':

"Sacred to the Memory of | COLO. JOHN SERGEANT | Who Departed this life July | the 30th 1798 in the fixty fixth | year of his Age | Who now lies in the fame town | he was Born & was the first perfon | Born in the ftate of Vermont |

Io where the filent marble weeps | A friend A father & Husband fleeps | He gave them good Conncel | while he had his Breath | Advising them to prepair for Death"

In 1755 he served as centinel in Capt. Elijah Williams's company, of Deerfield, Mass., in the Crown Point Expedition (Mass. Archives; and History of Northfield, p. 292), and in 1756 was centinel under Capt. Nathan Willard at Fort Dummer (Mass. Archives).

It is recorded that in 1770 he and his brother Lieut. Thomas Sargent purchased a tract of 440 acres in the north-east part of Brattleboro', the West-River district, upon which they built houses and settled (Gazetteer of Windham Co., Vt., pp. 111–12).

On 26 Feb., 1776, Brattleboro' then being in the County of Cumberland, State of New York, he was commissioned as Captain of the Brattleboro' company in the First or Lower Regiment; and on 18 Aug., of the same year, he was commissioned Lieut.-Colonel of the same regiment. (State Archives of N. Y., Revolution, vol. i., p. 277.) In June, 1776, he was one of the committee to prepare instructions for the County delegates to the New York Provincial Congress (History of Eastern Vermont, p. 258). From 1776 to 1780 he was a member of the Cumberland County Committee of Safety, the committee frequently meeting at his house in Brattleboro' (Records of the Governor and Council of Vt., vol i., pp. 344, 346, 350–1, 357, 363–5, 369). In 1780 he was Colonel of Militia, and chairman of the Cumberland County Committee (History of Eastern Vermont, pp. 381, 397); and in that same year was one of the committee appointed to consider a new government for the Counties of Cumberland, Gloucester and Grafton (Vt. Hist. Soc. Coll., vol. ii., pp. 96–7). In 1780, also, he was made Commissioner of Forfeiture (History of Eastern Vermont, p. 764), and was Representative for Brattleboro' in the General Assembly; and in 1782, as Colonel of the Militia, he called out a force to suppress the disturbances in what had then become Windham County, between adherents to New York and Vermont (Records of the Governor and Council of Vt., vol. iii., p. 253).

He sided with New York in the controversies of the time, and in 1786 he with others "uniformly loyal to the State of New York" petitioned Gov. George Clinton, of that State, for a patent of wild land, they having "not only frequently risqued their Lives but expended large sums of money * * in Defence of the said State * * , in consequence of which many * * were imprisoned and others dispoiled of property to a considerable amount, by the Ver-

* Mr. Mansfield, the historian of Dummerston, in his "Kathan History," p. 146, states that "here [Fort Dummer] was born within the stockade on May 27, 1726, Timothy Dwight, the father of the future first President Dwight of Yale College, and great-grandfather of the present (1896) president."

monters," but the petition was not granted (Vt. Hist. Soc. Coll., vol. ii., p. 439).

Children, perhaps not in order of birth:

10. i. ELI,[4] b. 5 Mar., 1761; m. Elizabeth Gorton; d. 24 Apr., 1834.
11. ii. LUCY, m. 6 Feb., 1794, Isaac Bigelow; d. Oct., 1822.
iii. ABIGAIL, m. Robert Wells.
iv. MARY, or POLLY, b. 1768; d. 2 Feb., 1823; unmarried.
12. v. LEVI (twin ?), b. 1773; m. 13 July, 1794, Lydia Daby; d. 11 May, 1850.
vi. CATA (twin ?), b. 1773; d. 20 July, 1792; unmarried.

7. LIEUT. THOMAS[3] SARGENT (*Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]), born 23 Feb., 1734–5, at Fort Dummer, married, 17 May, 1757, Anne, born 10 Nov., 1734, died 4 Dec., 1827, daughter of Joseph[4] (Thomas,[3] John,[2] Rowland[1]) and Mary Stebbins of Northfield, Mass.

He served as centinel under Capt. John Burk in 1756, and in the same office under Capt. Israel Williams in 1757 (Mass. Archives). His title of Lieutenant is said to have come from later service in the militia.

In 1770 he and his brother Col. John purchased a tract of 440 acres in the West River district of Brattleboro', Vt., where they built houses, and where he died 19 Apr., 1783.

Children:

13. i. ELIHU,[4] b. 3 May, 1758; m. about 1779, Mary Kathan; d. 1 Dec., 1833.
ii. ANNE, b. 18 June, 1760.
iii. THOMAS (?), b. about 1762.
14. iv. CALVIN, b. 9 Nov., 1763; m. Abigail Miller; d. 7 Jan., 1834.
v. ELECTA, b. 31 Oct., 1765.
vi. LUTHER, b. 15 May, 1768; d. 22 Oct., 1850.
vii. SUSANNA, b. 5 Jan., 1770.
15. viii. ERASTUS, b. 16 Nov., 1771; m. Annas Snow; d. 24 Aug., 1847.
ix. ROXANNA, b. about 1773.
x. ROSWELL, b. 27 Nov., 1776.
xi. HARRY, b. about 1779; m. 15 Apr., 1802, Phila Albee; lived in Brattleboro', Vt.

8. ABIGAIL[3] SARGENT (*Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]), born 10 Sept., 1737, at Fort Dummer, married, 12 Oct., 1758, Capt. Levi[5] Ely* (Samuel,[4] Samuel,[3] Samuel,[2] Nathaniel[1]) of West Springfield, Mass., born there 26 Nov., 1732, killed in battle with the Indians, on Mohawk River, near Utica, N. Y., 19 Oct., 1780. She died 3 Oct., 1812, at West Springfield (Ely Records, pp. 30–1; for records of children, pp. 62–5).

Children:

i. LUCRETIA ELY, b. 12 May, 1759; m. 18 Dec., 1777, Jacob Miller; d. 19 Jan., 1819.
ii. HULDA ELY, b. 11 July 1761; m. 7 Aug., 1783, Col. Roger Cooley; d. 30 Apr., 1808.
iii. JERUSHA ELY, b. 8 Feb. 1763; m. (1) 20 Feb., 1795, Nathaniel Taylor; m. (2) 5 Feb., 1807, Oliver Bagg; d. 2 Feb., 1836.
iv. LEVI ELY, b. 27 Feb., 1765; m. 23 Feb., 1792, Thankful Smith; d. 17 Sept., 1819.
v. GEORGE ELY, b. 30 Dec., 1766; m. 13 Apr., 1786, Abigail Flowers; d. 20 Jan., 1819.
vi. DANIEL ELY, b. 10 Aug., 1768; m. 15 Oct., 1788, Joanna Day; d. 15 Feb., 1822.

* The compiler is indebted to Thomas Barnes Warren, Esq., of Springfield, Mass., for Ely data.

vii. SABRA ELY, b. 22 Jan., 1770; m. 9 July, 1789, Josiah Loomis; d. 8 Mar., 1839.
viii. THEODOSIA ELY, b. 4 Feb., 1773; m. (1) 18 Feb., 1795, Horace Day; m. (2) 7 Feb., 1822, Simon Brooks; d. 14 Oct., 1865.
ix. SOLOMON ELY, b. 22 Dec., 1774; m. (1) 24 Aug., 1796, Jerusha Day; m. (2) 1 Mar., 1799, Roxanna Day; d. 25 Apr., 1828.
x. ELIHU ELY, b. 6 July, 1777; m. in 1797, Grace Rose; d. 23 Feb., 1839.
xi. ABIGAIL (or NABBY) ELY, bapt. 7 May, 1780; d. 23 Nov., 1828; unmarried.

9. RUFUS[3] SARGENT (*Lieut. John*,[2] *Digory*[1]), born 15 June, 1740, at Fort Dummer, married, in 1775, Susannah Houghton, who was born in 1758, and died 10 June, 1794, in Brattleboro', Vt. Her ancestry has not been traced, but she is said to have been related to James Houghton, an early settler of Putney, Vt.

In 1757, Rufus was centinel in the company of Capt. Israel Williams, in which his brother Thomas Sargent was also centinel; and in 1758–9 was centinel in the company commanded by Capt. John Kathan and transferred to Capt. John Burk (Mass. Archives).

In 1770 he bought Lot No. 1, containing 100 acres, in the south-east corner of Dummerston, Vt., near the Connecticut River; and in 1771 he was one of the fourteen signers for a settlers' meeting there, where he was chosen the first constable in 1772, and selectman in 1786–7. He was sergeant in Capt. Josiah Boyden's company of Dummerston men, in Col. William Williams's regiment, in the Bennington expedition; and was in the Dummerston company of Capt. Jason Duncan, in the regiment of his brother Col. John Sargent, in 1782 (Kathan History, p. 143).

Mr. Mansfield, in an article in the Vermont Phœnix in 1885, from which a quotation has already been made, says that Rufus was a man of Tory principles, and for that reason could not get a deed for all the land promised him by the original proprietors, at the time he settled in Dummerston. He died 23 Nov., 1826.

Children:

i. JOHN,[4] b. 8 Dec., 1776; m. in Dummerston, 17 Mar., 1802, Ethylinda, dau. of Nathan[5] (Daniel,[4] John,[3] John,[2] John[1]) and Ruth (Kendrick) Adams of Framingham and Rutland, Mass., and Dummerston, Vt.
ii. SALLY, b. 5 Sept., 1779; m. Jonathan Cobleigh (Jonathan, Jonathan), b. 27 May, 1779, of Chesterfield, N. H. (History of Chesterfield, p. 251.)
iii. RUFUS, b. 9 Jan., 1782; m. Sally Buck, and had a dau. who m. the late James H. Sargent of Brattleboro', Vt.
iv. SUSANNA, b. 26 Apr., 1784; m. Isaac Crosby.
v. WILLIAM, b. about 1786; m. Lois Buck.
vi. JUSTIN, b. 10 June, 1789; m. 3 June, 1814, Lucretia, b. 31 July, 1795, dau. of Jonah and Ann Knapp of Orange, Mass., and Dummerston, Vt.; had daus. *Ophilia*[5] and *Filura* (see account under Lieut. John, 3).
vii. JAMES, b. in 1791; m. Polly Burnham.
viii. NANCY, b. in 1794.

10. ELI[4] SARGENT (*Col. John*,[3] *Lieut. John*,[2] *Digory*[1]), born 5 Mar., 1761, was the first white child born in Fulham (now Dummerston), Vt. The records obtained concerning him and his family are meagre.

He married Elizabeth, born 17 Apr., 1762, died 17 Mar., 1857, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Gorton of West River, Brattle-

boro', Vt., and died at West River, Brattleboro', 24 Apr., 1834. The following list of children is imperfect.

Children:

i. HARRIET,[5] b. in 1784; d. 6 Oct., 1811; unmarried.
ii. JOHN, b. 16 June, 1787; d. 6 Jan., 1800.
iii. JAMES, b. in 1788; d. at Cambridge, Mass., 22 Dec., 1819.
iv. ELIZABETH, or BETSEY, b. 1792; m. ——— Allen; d. 29 Jan., 1862.
v. ELI, b. 12 Jan., 1795; d. 3 Oct., 1873.

11. LUCY[4] SARGENT (*Col. John,*[3] *Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]), the date of whose birth has not been obtained, married in Dummerston, Vt., 6 Feb., 1794, as his second wife, Isaac,[6] b. about 1763, in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, son of Isaac[5] (Isaac,[4] Isaac,[3] Samuel,[2] John[1]) and Mary (Chamberlain) Bigelow.

They lived in Dummerston until 1800, and then moved to northern Vermont and Canada. In 1811 the family removed to Madison Co., Ill., settling in Plain City, where he died in July, 1822, and she died in Oct. of the same year. (Bigelow Family, pp. 211–2.)

Children:

i. LUCY BIGELOW, b. 4 Jan., 1795; m. James Peasley.
ii. POLLY BIGELOW, b. 8 Feb., 1797; m. her cousin Dr. Isaac Bigelow.
iii. CATHARINE BIGELOW, b. 27 June, 1799; m. Henry Neal.
iv. ABIGAIL BIGELOW, b. 30 Nov., 1802; m. Lester Pratt.
v. JOHN CHAMBERLAIN BIGELOW, b. 9 Jan., 1804; m. Polly Martin.
vi. SERENA BIGELOW, b. 18 May, 1806; m. William Neal.

12. LEVI[4] SARGENT (*Col. John,*[3] *Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]), born in 1773, married in Dummerston, Vt., 13 July, 1794, Lydia, born 30 Oct., 1776, in Chesterfield, N. H., daughter of Thomas (Simon, John) and Mary (Holt) Daby* of Chesterfield.

He died at West River, Brattleboro', Vt., 11 May, 1850; and she died at the same place, 12 July, 1838.

Children, perhaps not in order of birth:

i. LEVI,[5] m. Huldah Bennett.
ii. WILLARD, b. in 1804; of Brattleboro', Vt.; d. 10 June, 1849; m. 28 Apr., 1830, Lovinia, b. 18 Dec., 1806, d. 18 Feb., 1863, dau. of Nathan[5] (Daniel,[4] John,[3] John,[2] John[1]) and Ruth (Kendrick)* Adams of Framingham and Rutland, Mass., and Dummerston, Vt. Children: *Lovinia Philena,*[6] *Nathan Wallace, Helen Sophia, Willard Russell, Caroline Elizabeth, Charles Oscar, Milo Dwight, Madora,* and *Adah Louisa.*
iii. JOHN, m. Fanny Cook.
iv. POLLY, m. Thomas Hadley.
v. CHARLOTTE, m. Alexander Alexander.
vi. LYDIA E., b. 20 Dec., 1817; d. 26 Feb., 1818.

13. ELIHU[4] SARGENT (*Lieut. Thomas,*[3] *Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]), born 3 May, 1758, married, about 1779, Mary, or Molly, born 8 Oct., 1756, daughter of Alexander[2] (Capt. John[1]) and Margaret (Baird) Kathan of Dummerston, Vt.

In 1782 he served in the Dummerston company of Capt. Jason Duncan, in Col. John Sargent's regiment (Kathan History, p. 143).

He died 1 Dec., 1833; and she died 18 Dec., 1850; both in Brattleboro', Vt. (Kathan History, pp. 21, 91.)

* The compiler is indebted to Hon. Hoyt Henry Wheeler of Brattleboro', Vt., for Daby and Kendrick data.

Children:

i. ELIHU,[5] b. 13 Nov., 1780.
ii. MOLLY, b. 22 Nov., 1781.
iii. CLARISSA, b. 19 Apr., 1783; d. 21 Apr., 1821; unmarried.
iv. THOMAS, b. 19 Dec., 1784.
v. ALEXANDER, b. 8 Mar., 1787.
vi. CHESTER, b. 28 Apr., 1789.
vii. GEORGE, b. 28 Jan., 1797; m. Roxana Pratt; d. 25 Jan., 1859.

14. CALVIN[4] SARGENT (*Lieut. Thomas,*[3] *Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]), born 9 Nov., 1763, married Abigail, born in 1769, died 9 Mar., 1849, daughter of Capt. Vespasian[5] (Isaac,[4] Isaac,[3] James,[2] James[1]) and Abigail (Church) Miller of Dummerston, Vt. (History of Dummerston, pp. 50, 131.) They had nine children, of which an imperfect list is here given. He died 7 Jan., 1834, in Brattleboro', Vt.

Children, perhaps not in order of birth:

i. ALFRED[5].
ii. OLIVE.
iii. LYMAN, b, 17 Sept., 1798; d. 11 Mar., 1815.
iv. ELECTA.
v. NELSON, settled in Denver, Col.
vi. FANNY, m. ——— Miller; moved to Bangor, N. Y.
vii. CYNTHIA, b. July, 1816; d. 28 Dec., 1817.

15. ERASTUS[4] SARGENT (*Lieut. Thomas,*[3] *Lieut. John,*[2] *Digory*[1]), born 16 Nov., 1771, married, in 1792, in Chesterfield, N. H., Annas, born in Chesterfield, 27 Jan., 1771, daughter of Warren (John) and Anna (Harvey) Snow of Leicester, Mass., and Chesterfield, N. H.

He settled in Chesterfield about 1792, removing about 1815 to Dummerston, Vt., and about 1820 to Stukeley, P. Q., where he died 24 Aug., 1847, and she died 10 Aug., 1836. (History of Chesterfield, pp. 427–8, 443.)

Children:

i. EDWIN,[5] b. 16 Dec., 1793; of Chesterfield, N. H.; d. 19 Nov., 1871; m. 27 Dec., 1815, Sally, b. 19 Mar., 1792, d. 24 June, 1869, dau. of David (David) and Sarah (French) Stoddard of Chesterfield. Children: *Louise,*[6] *Emily, Croyden, John H., David W., Charles, Oscar E.,* and *Frederick.*
ii. DIANA, m. Stebbins Hosley; resided in Chesterfield, N. H., and Canton, N. Y.
iii. JASON, b. 30 Jan., 1796; of Chesterfield, N. H., and Stukeley, P. Q., where he d. in 1862; m. Tirzah P. Stebbins, b. 26 Sept., 1803, d. in 1860, in P. Q. Children: *Abigail P.,*[6] *Charles J.,* and *Oscar H.*
iv. EDITH, b. 1 Nov., 1797; d. 4 July, 1873, in Stukeley, P. Q.; m. in 1817, Clark Harris (John, Abner, Abner), born in Chesterfield, N. H., 14 May, 1793, who in 1831 removed to Stukeley, P. Q., where he d. 18 Mar., 1867; seven children (History of Chesterfield, p. 333).
v. WARREN, m. in Dummerston, Vt., Mercy Butler.
vi. ANGELINE, m. Sewell Fisk; d. in P. Q.
vii. ALANSON, m. Rosamond Cleveland; d. in P. Q.

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